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## REP. HOY ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO CONSIDER SERVING AS HOUSE PAGES

INDIANAPOLIS—Students age 13 or older can gain a great educational experience through the Indiana House Page Program during the upcoming session of the state legislature, according to Rep. Phil Hoy (D-Evansville).

Hoy today announced that the application process for the Indiana House Page Program is now open for the 2005 session, which means students can come to the Statehouse in Indianapolis for a full day of educational activities sometime between mid-January and the end of April.

Pages receive behind-the-scenes tours of the Statehouse, including the House and Senate chambers, the Supreme Court chambers, and the governor's office. Pages also participate in many activities designed to introduce them to the essential elements of state government.

Although pages must provide their own transportation to and from the Statehouse in Indianapolis, they are granted an excused absence for the day of their participation.

"Among the highlights of the day's activities is a page's opportunity to observe legislative activities up close and personal," Hoy said. "It's an experience that can shape a young person's perception of their role as an active, responsible citizen.

"Due to the nature of the legislative hearings schedule, we normally schedule pages for Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays," Hoy explained. "Session schedules are often difficult to forecast precisely but there is always a wide range of legislative activity in the Statehouse on any day that pages have been scheduled to serve. I hope to see lots of pages from Indiana House District 77 at the Statehouse during the 2005 session."

Page program applicants will need to provide the following information in any communication they send to apply: the student's name, the name of parents or guardians, email address, home street address and home phone number, their school's name, and two potential dates on which the student would like to page.

Interested students can apply by contacting Hoy's office at the Statehouse. His mailing address is:

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200 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Hoy can also be contacted through his Web site, which is located at <a href="https://www.in.gov/H77/">www.in.gov/H77/</a> or by phone toll-free at 1-800-382-9842.

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